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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The correspondent of the Washington *Star* telegraphs from Havana that divers have secured evidence that seems conclusive that the explosion of the Maine came from underneath the ship, and that the naval board may have outside evidence offered regarding a torpedo float producing the explosion; evidences of ill-feeling toward Americans do not lessen. —— In the Senate yesterday the resolution offered the day before by Senator Allen to investigate the Cuban situation was withdrawn by its author; in the House an appropriation to care for unused machinery at the Springfield arsenal was agreed to. —— The Spanish cruiser Vizcaya will probably sail today for Havana. —— The steamer Dauntless, which sailed from Florida with a filibustering expedition, has not since been heard from. —— The court of inquiry into the Maine disaster expected to finish at Havana yesterday and sail for Key West, where other officers and men will be examined; neither officers nor witnesses will give the slightest indication of the testimony. —— Two thousand Spanish infantry from Barcelona arrived at Madrid. —— Minister Woodford, at Madrid, gave a banquet in honor of the new Spanish Minister to Washington, Senor Bernabe. —— The *Imparcial*, semi official organ of the Madrid Government, urges that preparations be made for war with the United States. —— President McKinley is reported as saying that should report of the court of inquiry show Spanish treachery in the loss of the Maine he would act at once in a manner that would meet with the approval of every loyal American citizen. —— U. S. troops at Fort Leavenworth, Ks., are in readiness to move at twenty-four hours notice. —— The regiment at Atlanta is also in readiness. —— Troops at Fort Thomas, Ky., expect to go to Key West instead of Charleston, S. C., as reported. —— The First regiment, Ohio National Guards of Cincinnati, is filling up with recruits. —— The Spanish man-of-war Vizcaya, at New York, has been ordered to leave the port without delay. —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 2½@3 per cent., last loan at 2½ per cent.; cotton dull but steady—middling uplands 6½c; flour easy; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red $1.08½; corn—spot weak, No. 2, 36⅝c; rosin steady; strained, common to good $1.40@1.45; spirits turpentine steady was firm at 35@35½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 44 deg.; 8 P.M., 53 deg.; maximum, 61 deg.; minimum, 38 deg.; mean, 50 deg.

Rainfall for the day, —; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.97.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The northern storm area has moved eastward to central north of the Lower Lakes, and is causing snow over the lakes and Western Pennsylvania. A high area and cold wave is closely following the storm area and it is decidedly colder over the lakes, Ohio Valley, and western portion of Middle States. The barometer continues high over the Gulf States, with fair weather prevailing over the South, Southwest and West and temperatures rising under a warm wave entering from the west and southwest.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Friday: Generally fair weather; warmer Friday night; westerly winds.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 5.5 feet.

Port Almanac—February 25.

Sun Rises	6.39 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.49 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 10 M.
High Water at Southport	11.31 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	1.11 A. M.

Only one member of the French Academy rides a wheel. Some of the others carry wheels in their heads.

Princess Kaiulani, of Hawaii, is not opposed to annexation. She is going to annex a husband pretty soon.

A Georgia poet boasts that he has written six different and distinct poems on wind. They were somewhat breezy productions.

There are said to be 7,000,000 of corn growers in this country. This doesn't include the several millions who cultivate crops of toe corns

Kansas and Texas are disputing about the merits of their respective breeds of jackrabbits. If the controversy were about jackasses, of the political stripe, Texas would stand no show.

An Ohio girl claims to have discovered the secret of perpetual life. But why should a person in Ohio want to live always, especially when there are not offices enough to go 'round?

A Washington correspondent does some speculating as to DeLome's future career. It is pretty safe to assume that he will not devote himself to the pursuit of "confidential" letter writing.

Nansen says he was bored while in this country with the social attentions showered upon him. But he had the satisfaction of getting vengeance by boring the people who went to hear him lecture.

THE CUBAN SITUATION.

Notwithstanding the denials sent out by the authorities at Washington, it is evident that the government is straining every nerve to be fully prepared for war with Spain should it come. One of the most significant features of the situation is the fact that even the officers of the army and the navy who are absent on leave in Europe have been ordered to return and report for duty immediately. When the forces at the navy yards are largely increased, and orders are issued to work on war vessels night and day (even on Sundays), it means something. So do the "hurry" orders for projectiles and other implements of war.

The plain truth is that a gunpowdery odor pervades the atmosphere all over the United States, and the chances for and against war are just about even. The only thing probably that can prevent war with Spain is some sort of "mediation" by this country that will be acceptable to Spain, and that the Cubans will be forced to accept whether they like it or not.

Now is the time for Gomez and Garcia and their compatriots to strike some decisive blows. Events are hurrying on to a culmination. The United States are not quite ready for war; and for this reason the investigation of the *Maine* disaster will be prolonged. Uncle Sam, as the prize-fight reporters say, is "sparring for wind." As soon as he is ready, the court of inquiry will adjourn. We will then see "mediation" followed by peace, or war followed by independence, in Cuba.

Hon. Chauncey M. Depew thinks if the battleship is the deathtrap it is represented to be, it is about time to overhaul the ships and to revamp naval architecture too. In our opinion it would be a sensible thing for the nations to do to go back to the old time wooden ships which would stay on top for some time even if a few holes were punched in them, ships that could be corked up and swung into action again.

Booker T. Washington, of Tusgegee, Ala., the biggest brained colored man in this country, approves of educational qualifications for voters, for the reason that it will stimulate an interest in schools by the classes that now take no interest in them and have no desire to learn anything.

The railroads in England must be very rough, or the stick stuff put on the postage stamps very poor. Over 60,000 loose stamps are found in the mail bags every year.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Hotel Stewart—Goldsboro.
Opera House—"A Night Off."
Steamboat—Wanted to purchase.
J. H. Gore, Jr.—Mortgagee's sale.
Connecticut Fire Ins. Co.—Statement.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—One man in each town.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Col. Fleming Gardner is in the city.

— Mr. J. L. Sheets, of Mocksville, is here.

— Mr. G. L. Cherry, of Parmele, is in the city.

— Mr. D. H. Harnly, of Chadbourn, is here.

— Mr. Robt. S. Thompson, of Hamlet, is in the city.

— Mr. W. J. Shepherd, of Raleigh, is registered at the Orton.

— Mr. S. A. Johnson, of Aberdeen, is registered at the Orton.

— Mr. H. C. Faulkner, of Kinston, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Messrs. N. S. Hines and V. Sidbury, of Holly Ridge, were here yesterday.

— Mr. W. C. Russell, a popular travelling man from Petersburg, is in Wilmington.

— Mr. J. A. Brown, a prominent citizen of Chadbourn, spent the day here yesterday.

— Col. S. B. Taylor, a well known business man of Catherine Lake, spent yesterday in the city.

— Messrs. R. A. Nixon and A. W. King, of Topsail Sound, were among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

— Mr. T. L. Curse, a popular knight of the grip, travelling from Richmond, is in the city looking after the interests of his trade.

The Harmony Circle Dance.

Like every social function given by Harmony Circle, of this city, the dance last night in their rendezvous on Front street was a thoroughly enjoyable affair. About forty couples were in attendance. About 12 o'clock a sumptuous supper was served, after which dancing was resumed and continued until about 2 o'clock. Music was furnished by Miller's orchestra.

He Raised the Chickens.

George Fonville who as reported in yesterday's STAR was charged with stealing chickens from Dr. J. E. Kea, was given a hearing before Justice John J. Fowler yesterday and discharged. Fonville introduced evidence that he raised the chickens which he sold to Mr. Jno. Tharp and were believed to be those lost by Dr. Kea.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Hanover Lodge No. 145, I. O. O. F., will confer the second degree on two candidates to-night.

— Spirits turpentine sold yesterday on the Wilmington market as high as 33½ cents per gallon.

— Justice R. H. Bunting was confined to his home by sickness yesterday. He expects to be in his office today.

— A marriage license was issued yesterday. It was for the marriage of Walter W. Donaldson, colored, to Josephine Hall.

— Joseph Patten, colored, was yesterday lodged in jail for default in the payment of costs due in Justice John J. Fowler's court.

— Applications for the position of manager of the Wilmington Tariff Association continue to come in, but as yet no selection has been made.

— J. H. Gore, Jr., Esq., gives notice of a mortgagee's sale of real estate at the court house door at 12 o'clock noon, March 26th next.

— In Justice J. M. McGowan's court yesterday, Martha Smith, colored, was convicted of disorderly conduct and dismissed on the payment of costs.

—A cablegram received here yesterday announced the safe arrival at Southampton, England, of Mr. K. M. Murchison, Jr., on board the steamship St. Paul.

— The new canvas boat for use by the Wilmington Division of Naval Reserves has been removed from the W. & W. depot and placed on board the *Nantucket*.

— Justice McGowan yesterday committed Bertie Bolton, colored, to jail on the charge of disorderly conduct. The case will be tried at 10 o'clock this morning.

—His Honor, the Mayor, disposed of two cases yesterday. Both were for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. James Jones was discharged and Henderson Hays dismissed on the payment of costs.

— Several applications for membership in the Y. M. C. A. are already filed to be acted upon at the regular monthly business meeting next Monday night. No business of more than usual interest is as yet scheduled for the monthly meeting.

— The Wilmington friends of Mr. W. Preston Wooten, of La Grange, will be glad to learn that it is announced that he will bear off the first honors at West Point the coming Spring. He graduated from the North Carolina University in 1893.

— Mr. W. A. Rourk, of Shallotte, and former sheriff of Brunswick county, has associated himself with the wholesale grocery firm of Robert R. Stone & Bro. He is a good business man and a valuable acquisition to the commercial life of Wilmington.

— Don't forget the meeting at the rooms of the Merchants' Association to-night to discuss the visit of the Inter-State Association of Trap Shooters May 25th and 26th. Some of the details for the shoot will be arranged and a full attendance is desired.

— The Winston *Journal* spoke quite highly of the Arion-Cooke Combination, which is to entertain in the Y. M. C. auditorium to-night, pronouncing it one of the very best yet presented in the star course there. The company was in Winston Tuesday night.

—At St. Thomas' pro-cathedral during Lent, mass is being held at 8 o'clock every morning instead of 7, the usual hour. Every Friday evening the "Way of the Cross" service will be held at 7.45 o'clock. Every Sunday at Vespers instruction is to be given in the "Passion of Our Lord,"

— Lenten services at the Episcopal churches were again well attended yesterday. The hours of worship at both St. James' and St. John's churches were 7.30 A. M. and 5 P. M. The services to-day at St. James' will be at 11 A. M. and 5 P. M. At St. John's 7.30 and 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.

— Yesterday at noon, Col. John D. Taylor, as Clerk of the Superior Court, received from the Secretary of State the charter for Wilmington's new Tariff Association, an announcement of the issuance of which was published in yesterday's STAR. Yesterday it was duly recorded in the clerk's office.

— Secretary Diggs is making a series of experiments in the basement of the Y. M. C. A. building in search of a vein of water with which to supply the proposed swimming pool. He has struck a rock several feet below the surface and thinks that when he shall have penetrated that he will assuredly make a "water haul."

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—74 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—38 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 68 bbls rosin, 63 bbls tar.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—9 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 451 bbls rosin, 21 bbls tar.

C. Larkin's flat—21 bbls tar.

Steamer Driver—315 bbls rosin, 85 bbls tar.

Total—Cotton, 121 bales; spirits turpentine, 28 casks; rosin, 834 bbls; tar, 190 bbls.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

THE CHICKEN DISPUTE.

Nine Fights in the Main Between Raleigh and Littleton—Raleigh the Victor in the Contest.

There was a large crowd in attendance upon the cock fights at the Hanover Club House yesterday. The sports pronounced the fights very much more interesting than those of the day before.

Altogether there were nine fights in the main. They were between Raleigh and Littleton. Raleigh was the victor, winning five out of the nine. The capital city therefore won the $300 purse.

There were quite a number of hack fights. Two of them were match fights and Wilmington cocks bore off the palm over Raleigh fowls. In fact, a prominent sport told a STAR representative that the fowls entered were very much superior to those of either Raleigh or Littleton, so much so that they could not be matched except in a very few instances.

A move is said to be on foot to get up a series of fights sometime soon between Raleigh and Wilmington. Nothing definite has however as yet developed.

During the fights just closed, about sixty cocks were entered. There were twenty from Wilmington, twenty-one from Raleigh and seventeen from Littleton.

Ancient Order of Druids.

Last night Linden Grove No. 2, of the Ancient Order of Druids, celebrated its fourth anniversary and the occasion will be remembered as a very pleasant and happy one by the large number of members who were present. A. J. Marshall, Esq., delivered the annual address, which embraced a history of the Order, its benefits and progress. He was followed by Mr. George Zeigler, who has been so intimately associated with Linden Grove No. 2 as to be called "Father of the Order in Wilmington." A supper was spread and its general excellence was a testimonial to the efforts of the committee, Messrs. W. E. Yopp and H. G. Saunders. Toasts were responded to by Messrs. H. Hauser, Godfrey Hart, Charles Schnibben, Justice G. W. Bornemann, H. Gerdes, T. J. Wilson, J. W. Barnes, Jr., and others.

Wilmington Investment Company.

A new investment concern in which only young men are interested, was organized last night at the City Hall. It will be called The Wilmington Investment Company and its affairs will be conducted by the followiug officers and Board of Directors: President, B. H. Marshall; vice-president, R. H. Cowan; secretary, Jno. G. Marshall; treasurer, P. Q. Moore; board of directors, W. P. Oldham, Jr., J. H. Cowan, and E. J. Woodward.

The company will loan money, purchase property, and make other investments which may seem profitable. The office will be at No. 127 Princess street. Another meeting will be held Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the City Hall.

Magistrate's Court.

Charles Galloway, colored, before Justice G. W. Bornemann yesterday on the charge of having committed assault and battery, was released without a greater penalty than the payment of cost. Virgil Spicer, charged with the same offence but found to have used a paling, did not get off so lightly. He was adjudged guilty and bound over to the next term of the Criminal Court in the sum of fifty dollars. Harry Farrison, charged with assault and battery on Virgil Spicer, submitted and paid the cost, judgment being suspended.

Tug Boats Inspected.

Messrs. E. E. Groom and William H. Gannon, Government Steamboat Inspectors, were in the city yesterday afternoon and inspected Capt. Craig's boat, the *Blanche* and the *Imperial* owned by Capt. Charles Wessell. They returned to their home in Charleston yesterday evening; but will return next Wednesday and inspect several other boats.

Capt. Wessell has just had the *Imperial* overhauled and will resume his regular runs to-day. He will begin at once the construction of six lighters which will be for his own use.

The Naval Reserves.

The Naval Reserves were out drilling last night, getting ready for their trip to Newbern next Wednesday. They will drill again to-night and one or two other nights before they leave on the Newbern trip. On Monday night the Wilmington division will be inspected by Lieutenant R. O. Bitler, of the United States Navy. After the drill last night Commander Morton spoke to the reserves about the trip to Newbern and other matters connected with the division.

Criminal Court Prospects.

Mr. William R. French, the popular clerk of the circuit Criminal Court, says that prospects are good for a docket of at least the usual length to engross the time of the next court to be convened by Judge Sutton on the second Monday in March. As yet no cases of more than a petty character been docketed.

Cheap Advertising.

If you wish to advertise at the lowest rates try the department in the STAR, on fourth page, headed "Business Locals." Situations or help wanted, srticles lost or found, rooms or houses wanted or to rent, business opportunities, and many other short miscella neous advertisements are taken for that department at one cent per word for each insertion. But no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents for each insertion.

BLUE MOUNTAIN JOE'S SHOW.

Said to be Liable to Tax Under Section 13 of the Revenue act.

The attention of the sheriff of the county was called yesterday to Section 13 of the Revenue Act, public laws of North Carolina, session of 1897, under which it is claimed that the exhibitions now given nightly by Dr. Blue Blue Mountain Joe are liable to a tax of fifty dollars for each performance. The county attorney was consulted and he decided that while the section referred to would probably not apply, the following section which imposes a tax of "five dollars for each exhibition or performance on all companies or persons whatever who exhibit or give entertainment for amusement of the public or for reward," would fit the case exactly. Section 13 would seem to be not in point, from the fact that it is made to apply only to entertainments "in which animals are exhibited and trapeze and juggling performances are given." Dr. Blue Mountain Joe has trapeze performers and jugglers, but not a menagerie. The reason the matter has not been agitated before is because an impression has prevailed that no tax is due unless an admittance fee is charged.

INSURANCE RATES.

Work of Re-Rating Business Portion of the City Completed.

Mr. Geo. B. Thompson, representative of the Southeastern Tariff Association, left yesterday afternoon for Atlanta, having completed the work of re-rating the business portion of the city. It will be several weeks, however, before the reduced rate, which is fifteen cents on the hundred dollars less than the former rate, will go into effect. The information gathered by Mr. Thompson will be put up in printed form, and on the day that it is mailed to the insurance agencies and their local agents the new rates will be in effect. Both the business houses and the dwellings of the city will then be on a first class basis of insurance; that is, on a basis such as is enjoyed by all cities under protection of a paid fire department which fully complies with all the requirements of the local board of underwriters.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Zeb. Vance Division Uniform Rank Elects Officers at its Annual Meeting.

Zeb. Vance Division Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, held its annual election last night, Capt. W. F. Robertson presiding. On Capt. Robertson's declining a re-election, Mr. W. M. Atkinson was chosen Sir Knight Captain. Other officers elected were: W. F. Robertson, Sir Knight First Lieutenant; W. E. Perdew, Sir Knight Second Lieutenant; I. L. Greenewald, Sir Knight Recorder; and W. H. Howell, Sir Knight Treasurer. Several new members were elected and it was decided to have a drill next Thursday night.

After the business had been transacted the members of the division sat down to an oyster supper prepared by the skilful caterer, Mr. R. J. Lewis. The oysters were followed by coffee and cigars. There was naturally some war talk among the members of the division. In the event of any unpleasantness with a foreign country, the Uniform Rank could be depended on to do gallant work.

Executive Committee of Truckers.

The executive committee of the Eastern Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Association will hold a meeting at the Orton this morning at 10 o'clock. The members of the committee are J. A. Brown, chairman; G. W. Westbrook, J. S. Westbrook, C. M. Steinmetz, J. A. Westbrook, O. P. Middleton and J. H. Moore. The business that will be transacted will be relative to the adoption by the association of some one of the refrigerator cars.

History and Relics Committee.

A meeting of the History and Relics Committee (Daughters of the Confederacy) is called for this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the Armory of the Wilmington Light Infantry. Miss Hettie T. James, the chairman, also requests the STAR to announce that the members of the committee will remain in the museum room until 6 o'clock to receive any articles that may be sent by friends and to give any information desired.

Suspended.

M. J. Merritt, one of the force of street hands, has been suspended for seven days as a punishment for abusing the city administration. Another member of the force was given the same punishment for a similar offence. They were before Mayor Wright and the Committee on Streets and Wharves last Tuesday and the testimony of several witnesses was taken, but the decision was reserved until yesterday.

"A Night Off."

Theatre-goers of Wilmington are looking forward with much interest to the coming of Mr. Augustin Daly's successful comedy, "A Night Off," which is billed for next Monday night.

Mr. Daly is quite a successful manager, adapter and playwright, and the very name of the play he will present here implies that there is abundant laughter in store for all who attend.

The sale of seats will begin to-morrow morning at Gerken's.

— Rev. J. M. Lumley, of Goldsboro, is here representing the Johnson Combination Tool which is a remarkable kind of instrument that can be used for any number of purposes.

Flat Cabin Broken Open.

The cabin of a flat moored to the wharf back of the Front street market house was broken open by thieves and robbed Wednesday night. Several articles, including clothing, were stolen. Access to the cabin was gained by prizing off the staple to the door. The flat is owned by Mr. Jas. H. Scull, and all the crew were away attending Dr. Blue Mountain Joe's show. As yet no arrests have been made.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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WANTED TO PURCHASE.

Not over 80 feet long. Not over 4 feet deep. Passenger and freight. Low pressure Speed 8 to 10 miles per hour. Address [C. H. O., Richmond "Dispatch," Richmond, Va.

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West Centre St., opposite R. R. Ticket Office.

feb 25 tf Goldsboro, N. C.

OPERA HOUSE.

Monday, February 28th.

AUGUSTINE DALY'S COMEDY, "A NIGHT OFF."

Produced at Daly's Theatre, New York, over one hundred nights. Roars of Laughter.

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Mortgagee's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A POWER OF SALE CONtained in a Mortgage given by S. B. Gaskill and wife to John D. Taylor, Receiver, and subsequently assigned to J. H. Gore, Jr., guardian of Leila G. McGirt et al., the undersigned will on Saturday, March 26th, 1898, at 12 o'clock M. offer for sale by public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the the city of Wilmington, the following described lot or parcel of land, lying, being and situate in the city of Wilmington, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet southwardly from its intersection with the southern line of Dawson street, and running thence southwardly along the said eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Dawson street, eighty-two and one-half feet to the western line of Millis' alley, thence northwardly along the western line of Millis' alley and parallel with Eighth street sixty-six feet, and thence westwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and a half feet, to the said eastern line of Eighth street, the beginning point.

Dated this the 25th day of February, A. D., 1898.

J. H. GORE, JR., Assignee of the Mortgagee.

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Statement

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE Connecticut Fire Insurance Company,

December 31, 1897.

ASSETS.

Value of real estate and ground rents owned by the Company (less the amount of the encumbrances thereon)	$ 209,225 00
Loans on bonds and mortgage (duly recorded and being first liens on the fee-simple.)	1,060,639 00
Account of stocks and bonds of the United States, and of this and other States, also all other stocks and bonds absolutely owned by the Company	1,965,756 00
Stocks, bonds and all other securities (except mortgage) hypothecated to the Company as collateral security for cash actually loaned by the Company	2,000 00
Interest due and accrued on stocks and other securities	00 00
Cash in Company's principal office and belonging to the Company, deposited in Bank	198,305 73
Agents' debit balances	83,155 70
Premiums or assessments unpaid	78,000 00
Bills receivable	2,195 75
Total assets,	$3,539,327 18

LIABILITIES.

Losses unpaid, including those resisted	$ 140,879 90
Reserve, as required by law	1,434,789 63
Total liabilities,	$1,575,399 53
Capital stock paid up	$1,000,000 00
Total income	1,814,791 46
Total expenditures	1,573,882 15

NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS IN 1897.

Risks written	$ 226,900 00
Premiums received	3,177 00
Losses paid on risks taken	2,264 80
Losses incurred	1,064 80

President—J. D. BROWN.
Secretary—CHARLES R. BURT.
General Agent—W. M. ATKINSON, Wilmington.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
RALEIGH, February 17th, 1898.

I certify that the above is a true extract from the sworn statement of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company on December 31, 1897, now on file in this Department.

CYRUS THOMPSON, Secretary of State.

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Some send to Cammeyer's, others send elsewhere for what they need in SHOES, while all can save themselves money by buying at home. We have Val. Duttenhofer & Son's Ladies' Shoes at the uniform price of $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00. This line is unexcelled. We carry Mundell's Children Shoes at $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50; besides many cheaper grades in all kinds. We sell a splendid line of Gent's Shoes also. We invite you to inspect our stock and WEAR OUR SHOES.

Respectfully,

MERCER & EVANS.

6314 steps east from corner Front and Princess streets. jan 23 tf

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BANANAS

PENNY APIECE.

FINE, NICE, YELLOW FRUIT.

Palace Bakery,

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The C. W. Polvogt Co

Beginning Monday, February 21st, to March 1st,

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Dress Goods, Carpets, Mattings, Trunks, Rugs, Lace Curtains, Window Shades, Laces, Embroideries, Gloves and Corsets.

Are all included in this discount sale.

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Remember Dates and Place.

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Your fire comes up quickly and bright, and while your kettle and coffee pot are singing merrily you can read the morning paper. Good Clean Coal is a boon to housekeepers or cook, and at no place in Wilmington can you get better value for your money.

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White Ash Furnace Coal,
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Blackjack and Lightwood, Cut for Stoves, Grates, &c., &c.

Full weight and full measure delivered in best of order at the lowest prices. We thank you for orders.

jan 30 1f J. A. SPRINGER & CO.

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ALL WOOL CARPETS AT 45 CENTS PER YARD

The Best 10-Wire Tapestry at 67 Cents Per Yard.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.

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IRON PRODUCTION.

Iron is said to be a barometer of trade; it is also a barometer of industrial progress. As a producer of substantial wealth it has no superior in the raw materials converted into articles of trade or commerce. It is becoming more than any other a universal metal, while the zone of its usefulness is constantly widening. It is taking the place of wood, of stone, of brick and as it becomes cheaper in production the more numerous its uses become. It is an industry which has within the past few decades attained colossal proportions, is still growing, and will continue to grow for the reason that iron can be produced more cheaply in this country than it can be in any other country in the world, and it will continue to grow in the South for the reason, that it can be produced more cheaply in the South than anywhere else in the United States, with the possible exception of some of the Superior mines, where it exists in inexhaustible quantities and is near enough to the surface to be handled at very low cost. The following, which we clip from the New Orleans *Picayune*, shows the progress this industry is making, and is interesting, too, as it shows that iron is mined in nearly one-half the States of the Union, and doubtless exists in other States where mining it is not pursued as an industry:

"The United States broke its record in the matter of the production of pig iron last year, as the following table will show:

	1896.	*1897.*
Connecticut	10,187	8,336
Massachusetts	1,873	3,284
New York	206,075	243,304
New Jersey	59,163	95,696
Pennsylvania	4,024,166	4,631,634
Maryland	79,472	193,702
Virginia	386.377	307,610
North Carolina	2,151	......
Georgia	15,593	17,092
Alabama	922,170	947,831
Texas	1,221	6,175
West Virginia	108,569	132,907
Kentucky	70,660	35,899
Tennessee	248,338	272,130
Ohio	1,196,326	1,372,889
Illinois	925,239	1,117,239
Michigan	149,511	132,578
Wisconsin	158,484	103,909
Missouri	12,548	23,883
Colorado	45,104	6,582
Total	8,623,127	9,652,680

"This is the heaviest production we have ever known, being 50 per cent. greater than in 1894. In 1896 the export of American pig iron rose to 168,890 tons, being eight times greater than ever before. Nearly all of this exported iron came from Alabama, and the South seems to be the only part of the Union that can successfully compete in iron production in the open markets of the world.

"It will be seen that all the Southern States greatly increased their production of pig iron, except Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky. Alabama stands fourth among the States in production. It is to be remembered that the iron industry is of far more recent origin in the South than in the North, and this fact makes its progress all the more wonderful."

With the exception of a few this table shows an increase of production in nearly all the States named and an aggregate increase of about a million of tons. It will be noticed that eight of the States embraced in this list are Southern States or nearly one half, and yet in none of these, with the exception of Alabama, is the iron mining industry extensively pursued, not because there is not an abundance of iron but for other reasons, one of which probably is the lack of speedy and cheap transportation, which will be provided in time. Perhaps the most gratifying and significant feature of the business is the statement as to the large and rapid increase in exports of pig iron and the fact that nearly all this was shipped from Southern furnaces, proof positive that these furnaces can turn out and market their product against all bidders in any part of the world.

There are two reasons for this, and both enduring reasons, which will hold good next year as they do this, and ten years hence as they will next year. One is the proximity of the iron mined to the surface, involving little stripping and therefore little expense, in addition to which in some of the mines the ore can be put directly from the mine on the cars at a very low cost; the other is that the mines are so near the coal beds that an inexhaustible supply of fuel is furnished at a cost that is next to nominal.

Here are two of the essential factors of cheapness, which enable the Southern furnaces to successfully compete with the furnaces of the world, undersell them, and at the same time realize a profit sufficient to make the business of exporting one worth following up. Possibly the Lake Superior furnaces may become competitors of the Southern furnaces for this trade, but this is not probable, as they have a pretty large demand for their output in the North, where they can realize more profit out of it than they could by shipping abroad, when they had such competitors to contend against as the Southern furnaces, so the probabilities are that the progress of the Southern furnaces in this direction will not be seriously contested.

But there isn't much in the pig-iron business, however gratifying the progress of the South may be as an evidence of push and productive capacity, for the margins of profit over the cost of production are not large enough to bring much wealth to those who pursue it unless it be pursued on a gigantic scale. There would be more clear profit in one engine turned out than there would be in several thousands of tons of pig iron, and more profit in a few bars of steel than in a ton of iron. As iron passes from the crude shape into the ultimate finished forms its value becomes multiplied many fold and the knives on your table may represent the value of a ton of the iron out of which they were made.

This the South will eventually realize when she gets into a condition to fully utilize her iron resources, as she has been turning to cotton manufacturing and fully utilizing much of the cotton crop, by putting it into finished form instead of selling it in the raw state and letting some other section make the profit out of it. The South will some day be an iron manufacturing as well as an iron producing section, but the progress in this direction will be slow because it requires a great deal of money to erect iron and steel plants, and run them on such a scale that they could successfully compete with the long established and financially strong plants in other iron producing sections. But the day will come when this will be a great and perhaps the greatest manufacturing industry in the South.

MINOR MENTION.

Senator Allen, Populist, of Nebraska, didn't get much backing for his belligerency rider to the Military Academy Appropriation bill, which was before the Senate Wednesday. The five votes cast for it, to the fifty-one to table it, shows that the Senators thought it out of time in view of the present condition of affairs and the investigations going on at Havana, and out of place as a rider to an appropriation bill, and for that reason even the outspoken and unswerving friends of Cuba voted against it. Senator Allen is not inspired so much by his friendship for Cuba, or by ultra Americanism as by his desire to gaff the administration and annoy it, which is a little remarkable, because the Senator is, when viewing things from a non-partisan standpoint, a big-brained and pretty level-headed man. There was no occasion whatever for the introduction of that amendment in the shape of a rider or in any other shape, for it had passed the Senate twice before, and therefore the Senate is fully on record as to the question of belligerent rights for Cuba. Even if there were any prospect of its adoption ordinary prudence would have suggested the propriety of waiting the development of the investigations now going on at Havana, when, in the event they reveal that the Maine was destroyed as the result of design, Congress would not hesitate to take positive and resolute action, and there would be no occasion to put such resolutions in the form of riders on appropriation bills.

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The conviction of Zola was a foregone conclusion and consequently the announcement has caused no surprise. The fact is the man was convicted by the mob and the army officers before he was put upon trial at all, and the trial was a mockery of justice, to give opportunity to convict and punish under cover of law. This was apparent from the beginning, when the court refused to admit any evidence to justify the accusations that Zola made and admitted everything that weighed against him. The officers summoned by Zola as witnesses testified only to what they wanted to testify to and in this they were sustained, while the mob and army officers were howling for conviction and on several occasions were prevented with difficulty from making short work of the trial, and dispensing with the mock legal formalities by killing the man who had incurred their hatred, not because he had assailed France, but because he had assailed the methods by which a man whom he believed to be innocent had been convicted and banished for life, for a crime committed by another man who held a higher position in the army. It was a case where one wrong was defended by the perpetration of another, and where the effort to have justice done to the wronged has resulted in the conviction and imprisonment of the bold advocate of justice. Zola's books had made him famous, but this imprisonment for advocating justice in the face of the mob and the army has made him illustrious, while his mock trial and conviction are a disgrace to France.

TWINKLINGS.

— The Parson—"An' to t'ink ob de New Jerusalem wif de streets paved wif gold!" The deacon—"An' yit dere ain't de same rush dere as de is to de Klondike."—*Puck.*

— Little Teddie—"Pa, what does 'infra dig' mean?" Pa—"Infra dig? Oh, that's Klondike slang. Don't ever let me hear you use them words again." —*Cleveland Leader.*

— Shopper—"Show me some Rip Van Winkle rugs, please." Clerk—"Pardon me, but I don't think I exactly understand!" Shopper—"Oh, something with an unusually long nap."

— I am going to search for the North Pole," said a man. "Alas!" cried his friend, "you are a fool, You may never get back." "Nay," said the explorer, "I intend to lecture about it before I start."

— Little Boy—"Papa, when the preacher talked about wicked people he didn't look at the congregation, he looked up in the air. Why was that?,' Papa—"He was probably looking at the choir."—*New York Weekly.*

— Cook (on the day after her arrival)—"Please, mum, I'm a bit fiery at times, and when I am fiery, I'm apt to be a bit rough spoken; but you needn't let that put you about—with a little present you can always bring me round again."—*Tit-Bits.*

— Putting Into Practice: Mamma—"Dorothy, do you know who ate my raisins?" Dorothy (turning over the leaves of her book more rapidly)—"Mamma, you told me yesterday some things are better left unsaid. Isn't that one of them?"—*Judge.*

— Worse Than She Thought: Widow (weeping)—"Yes, poor Tom met with a terrible death. He fell from the fifth story window and was instantly killed." Friend (sympathizingly)—"Dear, dear! Is it possible it was as bad as that? Why, I understood he only fell from the fourth story window."

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Sam Jones condemns Candler's "second letter," and yet he out Candlers Candler. The real trouble seems to be that Candler usurped Sam's peculiar prerogative. —*Macon Telegraph, Dem.*

—— The Rev. Sam Jones furnishes the comedy feature of the interesting campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor. A good many people thought he was in earnest when he stated the other day that he was a candidate for governor. It turns out that his purpose is to help his friend Col. Candler get the nomination.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— Should it turn out to be true that China has stipulated with Great Britain to open all her inland waters to navigation by steamers owned by foreigners as well as by natives, the concession would prove a most important one to the people of the United States, unless the inland trade regulations should be such as to render the grant practically nugatory. Such an arrangement would mark the final abandonment of the Chinese policy of exclusion which has been steadily observed for thousands of years.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Whether we are to have war or not, the Administration is taking proper measures in hastening the work of equipping and manning the seacoast defences. These are the real bulwarks of the country and likely to be more efficient as they are certainly less expensive than a large navy. The navy is needed for the protection of commerce, and is useful also to defend the ports, but perhaps greater reliance is to be placed in permanent batteries and submarine mines. If we are to have any of these, and a great many are in process of construction, we should have a sufficiency.—*Philadelphia, Ledger, Ind.*

America's greatest medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cures when all other preparations fail to do any good whatever. †

All's Fair In a Case of This Kind.

When the young married man tells this story, he makes sure that his father is not within earshot.

"I never had but one falling out with the governor," he declares. "When I went home one evening and told him that I was engaged, he cross questioned me like a lawyer, and each answer increased his wrath, till he positively forbade the bans. I have something of a temper myself, and after a stormy interchange we agreed upon a compromise. He did not like the girl's family. He would have it that she was a fortune hunter. He could never approve of her under any circumstances, but if I would go abroad for two years, see other women, hold no communication with my fiancee and then return to marry her he would interpose no obstacle. I accepted his terms.

"After I had been in Paris a year I met an American girl who was in all respects my ideal. She was with a wealthy aunt, whose name she had taken and whose fortune she was to inherit. I wrote the governor about her, sent him the opinion of some of my countrymen whom he knew and said that his scheme had proved a good one after all. With his permission I would wed the girl in Paris.

"He cabled his permission and his approval, but in the letter that followed there was a tone of mild reproval for my inconstancy. You notice that my wife is a prime favorite with him. He never tires of singing her praises and doesn't allow a day to go by without reminding me how he saved me from the blunder that would have spoiled my life."

"But wasn't it a little hard on the one you left behind?"

"Not at all. She's the same girl I met in Paris, but he doesn't know it, and I mean that he never shall."—Detroit Free Press.

In a recent letter from Washington D. C., to an old friend, Major G. A Studer, for twenty years United States Consul at Singapore, says: "While at Des Moines I became acquainted with a liniment known as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I found excellent against rheumatism as well as against soreness of the throat and chest (giving me much easier breathing). I had a touch of pneumonia early this week, and two applications freely applied to the throat and chest relieved me at once. I would not be without it for anything." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Washington *Progress:* More than an average acreage of truck will be planted in this county this year. Many potatoes are being planted.

— Laurinburg *Exchange:* Although we have not been enabled to get the exact number of trees set out Arbor Day and during the week we are safe in putting the figures at 400.

— Winston *Sentinel:* The famous colored octogenarian weather prophet of Yadkin county announces six more snows before the last of April, heavy storms in March and especially so along the eastern shore of the State.

— Raleigh *Press-Visitor:* This morning Governor Russell, for the third time, granted a respite of thirty days to the negro, John Evans, now confined in the Wake county jail under sentence of death for a nameless crime committed in the town of Rockingham last October.

— Clinton *Democrat:* Mr. Wm. K. Chesnutt, an aged and highly esteemed citizen of Taylor's Bridge, died at his home on Sunday the 20th. He had been lingering for some time with a trouble which was augmented by the infirmities of age. Mr. Chesnutt was about ninety years of age.

— Asheville *Citizen:* J. L. Whatley came to Asheville recently from Savannah, with a view of locating a large cotton mill here. Mr. Whatley represents Boston capital, and says the prospects for the consummation of his plan are good. It is likely that a number of local people will be financially interested in the venture, should it be a go.

— Lumberton *Robesonian:* Mrs. Mary Eliza Moore, wife of Capt. W. P. Moore, died Monday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Thompson. —— Col. H. K. Fuller, father of our townsman, C. M. Fuller, died last Friday, 17th inst., at his home in Randolph county. Col. Fuller was born December 23rd, 1829, and was in his 69th year. —— Mrs. Peggy Sanderson, aged 66 years, died at her home near town last Wednesday night. She had been confined to her bed for several years and her death was not unexpected. —— Troy Inman, colored, was killed at Rowland Saturday. He was hauling a load of shucks for Giles Robertson, a pair of young mules being hitched to the wagon. The mules started to run away and in trying to stop them Inman was jerked from the wagon. He fell between the mules and was kicked to death.

LETTERS TO THE MICE.

The Ancient Greek Method of Ridding Fields of the Pests.

A fallacy entertained by many people regarding mice is that house cats will kill them. This belief is proved every day to be erroneous. A mousetrap is a more sure and less troublesome method of putting the pantry's infesters to death. House cats, as time goes by, are changing. Formerly they were active by day and vigilant by night. The tendency of improved civilization is to make them sleepy by day and rovers by night. They have their whims nowadays, requiring considerable attention. Perhaps the superior intelligence of the Martians will make them useful. Cats in Mars may talk, for anything I know, and mice in Mars may be so large that they hunt the cats. Both possess some intelligence, and both have folklore.

The probability is that the use of cats as mice exterminators is comparatively modern and a custom that originated in the occident. The story of Whittington's cat indicates that cats were scarce articles in the rat infested islands of the east where the London captain traded at the time the cat sold for four chests of gold. No one who likes cats and reads the story at this late day can refrain from a slight feeling of disappointment at Whittington's parting with his cat. He might not have been lord mayor of London if he had saved his feline friend from the fiery sun and high spiced meats of Cathay, but the chances are that he would have come to the front with meddling with politics.

The Greeks were unquestionably overrun with mice and Bishop Hatto had troubles of his own with the rats. The latter hard hearted prelate lost wealth, dignity and life, but the Greeks had a peaceable and gentlemanly method of dealing with mice that is rather unique. When a cellar or a granary was overrun with mice, the Greek superstition dictated that a letter be written in large, readable ancient Greek characters, with these words:

"I adjure you, you mice, now present, neither to injure me nor to let others do so. I give you yonder field"—specifying one not too far off—"and if ever I catch you here I swear by the mother of the gods I will tear you into seven pieces."

The paper containing these words was to be placed on a large rock in the field with the writing uppermost. It was believed to be efficacious, and no doubt there were cases that could be pointed to in proving the proposition.

People of the present day, after waging fruitless and ineffectual war against the rats with poison and ice picks, sometimes try writing letters to them after the style of the Greek letter, although not in the same words. I have a case on unimpeachable authority, told me last week. It occurred in Milwaukee. A housekeeper on Grand avenue found that there were many rats in the cellar and storeroom. She wrote a letter addressed to the rats, politely calling their attention to the fact that their presence in the house was a great inconvenience. The letter pointed out that there was a feed store in the next block where they would attain better results with less work. Finally, the letter requested the rats to go as a personal favor. The letter was laid on the lower cellar stair one night. Next day the rats had disappeared, and were seen no more. My informant did not profess to believe that the rats were accommodating enough to move their quarters because they understood that she wanted them to do so. Her theory was that seeing the white paper on the stair and taking it into their heads it might be some new warlike stratagem directed against them the rats deemed discretion the better part of valor, and left the place. Rats, like all the rodents, are extremely suspicious.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The rarest and costliest gems, though not always esteemed the most beautiful, are pigeon's blood rubies, fire opals and diamonds that are pure but shed a distinct glow of blue or pink. A very perfect pearl of generous size and lustrous skin, tinted a rarely beautiful golden green, was valued, unset, at $1,750.

COMMON PLANTS.

Their Value Depends on the Use We Make of Them.

In these days, when so many men of business, professional men and artisans are taking a close interest in the products of the earth under their own immediate supervision, anything relating to the raising of plants is regarded as an essential element of education. It is true that the general knowledge of horticulture is much more extensive than, say, 20 years ago, but the utterances of an expert are none the less valuable on that account. Therefore the discussion of "Common Plants" in Garden and Forest tells us many things that we did not know, or, knowing, showed us that we might with advantage receive more information. The article on "Common Plants" says that different plants have different values to planters according to the use that is made of them. Landscape gardening wherever it is practiced over areas of considerable extent deals properly with scenery—that is, with the permanent features of the land—its roll of surface, its sky line and distance. The greatest artist in landscape is one who with these fundamental elements and the common trees and shrubs and grass makes a picture which is a unit, and every portion of which helps consistently to give expression to a central idea. This differs entirely from what is called decorative gardening, which is concerned more especially with the detailed ornamentation of more limited spaces.

For decorative purposes plants and flowers may be grouped into arrangements which kindle admiration on account of their symmetry of form and richness of color. This is the presentation of beauty for its own sake. It appeals to the æsthetic sense alone and not to the imagination, and through it to our higher nature as a landscape picture does. It is not necessary that a decorative group should be in any sense natural, and plants with foliage of strong color or those that can be trained into peculiar shapes or which have an unusual habit are often the most valuable in such places. They are useful just as stones of different form and color are useful in a mosaic. In decorative gardening a plant of golden elder or of Prunus pissardi may have the highest value, while the same plant in a natural landscape would be worse than useless and, indeed, might ruin a quiet picture by its obtrusiveness.

There is another kind of gardening, however, which has been called specimen gardening, and which has many attractions to genuine lovers of plants. To such persons a garden exists for its plants rather than the plants for the garden. It is not a landscape picture that is desired, nor yet geometrical designs of pleasing form and color. It is individual plants that are cherished irrespective of their arrangement, and they may be selected for their rarity or their oddity or for any other quality that appeals to the fancy of the planter. This makes a pleasant diversion, but it is by no means the highest form of gardening. A wise observer once said that it marked a distinct decline in garden art when a gentleman led you to a point on his estate where he could show you the finest cryptomeria in England instead of conducting you to the point where you might see the most delightful view.

A GREAT INVENTION.

Plan For Practical Application of the X Ray Principle.

The tall man wheezed heavily and looked at the editor. He had panted all the way up the stairs and was waiting for that form of recognition which the man who is ready to listen gives the man who is ready to talk.

The editor looked up inquiringly.

"I have here"— began the tall man.

"You must excuse me this morning," said the editor.

"An idea," continued the tall man, "which, under the influence of a fostering development, could be brought to a state of perfection that would convert it into a boon for thousands."

He paused and wheezed some more.

"What is the idea?" inquired the editor.

"I call it the annihilator of the opaque," said the tall man.

"Rather a clumsy title," said the editor. "What's its nature?"

"It is a form," said the tall man, "of X ray of my confrere, M. Roentgen. It is designed for pocket use, and when perfected will enable the owner to look through the most solid and impenetrable substance. I am a great lover of children, sir, and I intend that this boon to humanity shall be in every child's hands—in the hands of every child that is of sufficient years to stand outside the fence of a baseball park. I want the little ones to take this invention of mine and look right through the fence and see the game in all its glory. I am a discourager of squinting, sir, and I am opposed to the obliquity of vision which is engendered by knotholes and cracks. Armed with my annihilator, sir, the child of tender years will not only be able to see through the front fence, but he will be able as well to read the advertisements on the back fence right through the third baseman. Why, sir, by simply wiping off the lens he will, if he chooses, be enabled to read the umpire's very thoughts. How is that for a juvenile boon?"

"Any of the annihilators perfected?" inquired the editor.

"Not yet," said the tall man.

"Well," said the editor, "when you get a perfected one ready, bring it in and tell me what I had for breakfast. Then I'll take some stock in it."

The tall man fidgeted in his chair.

"I had another idea when I came up the stairs," he murmured.

"Well, what is it?"

"I had an idea that you might have a dime for a fellow craftsman."

He got it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In Chicago.

Brown—What do you use for shaving paper?

Jones—My wife's marriage certificates—Town Topics.

By the Storm Tossed Lake.

Schwein—Is that Hogg's better half—the woman he is walking with?

Bacon—Half? She's his sixth!—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Consumption and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every delecterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

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The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

The Tarheel.

An Arkansas lawyer, who was a native of North Carolina, not long ago wanted to inform a juror, also a native of North Carolina, that they both hailed from the same state. So he dropped some chewing gum, stepped upon it, and pretended that his heel had stuck to the floor. This gave him an opportunity to say that he was a Tarheel and that the warmth of the room had made the tar run. The verdict proved that the Tarheels stuck together.—New York Tribune.

A most suggestive epitaph is that on the tomb of Alexander the Great, "Sufficit huic tumulus, cui non sufficerat orbis" (this tomb suffices for him for whom the world did not suffice).

Financial Acumen.

"An allowance is something like a bicycle."

"How so?"

"A man can put his wife on it, but he can't make her stay on it."—Chicago Record.

Hood's Pills

Best to take after dinner; prevent distress, aid digestion, cure constipation. Purely vegetable; do not gripe or cause pain. Sold by all druggists. 25 cents. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

No Quail For Him.

"Quail, villain!" He pointed his trusty shooting iron at the head of the man who had been treating the beautiful maiden to a job lot of general wickedness ever since the curtain went up.

"At last I have thee. Quail!"

But, contrary to the direction in act 3, scene 2, the villain stood his ground.

"Quail, I tell thee! Why dost not quail?"

"Can't risk it on 30 bob a week," quoth the villain, with a defiant sneer saved over from the first act, "because, forsooth, quail is legally out of season, and I see a gamekeeper in the audience."

Then he kicked over an Alp, waded through the bay of Naples, fell into the thunder and only stopped in his mad flight to remark to the manager that an actor with a reputation must decline to play on that stage, as there were flies on it.—Pearson's Weekly.

The Surprise of All.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do the good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

Frank Sherwood was down town today, the first time since he had his tussle with cholera morbus. He says he drove thirty miles after he was taken, and never came so near dying in his life. After this, when he goes out in the country he will take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy with him.—Missouri Valley (Iowa) Times. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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Wholesale Prices Current.

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☞ The following quotations represent Whole-Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7⅞
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔		@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5¼
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5,00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	44	@	46
Virginia Meal	44	@	46
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	15¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	10	@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 90
Straight		@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8¼
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	48
Car load, in bags—White		@	47
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1⅛	@	12
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg. Cut. 60d basis	1 45	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	12 00
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	5⅛
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4½
C. Yellow		@	4½
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	5 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon-Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	18

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market opened firm at 33 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 32½ cents per gallon for country casks. Sales later at 33¼ and 33 cents per gallon.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for Strained and $1.25 for Good Strained

TAR.—Market steady at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, dull, 25¼, 25c bid; rosin firm, $1.45 to 1.50; tar quiet, 90c; crude turpentine quiet, $1.30, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	28
Rosin	834
Tar	190
Crude turpentine	00

Receipts same day last year—76 casks spirits turpentine, 486 bbls rosin, 463 bbls tar, 35 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅝c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 3-16	cts. ℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	4½	" "
Low Middling	5 3-16	" "
Middling	5⅝	" "
Good Middling	5⅞	" "

Same day last year, middling 6⅜c.

Receipts—121 bales; same day last year, 103.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40 to 50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 47½ to 50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—$1.00 to 1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Steady; hams, 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five-inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2,25; six-six, $2.25 to 3.25; seven-inch; $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Money on call easy at 2½@3 per cent., last loan 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was weak; actual business in bankers' bills at 484⅝@484¾ for demand and 482¾ for sixty days. Posted rates 482¼@484 and 486@486½. Commercial bills 482. Silver certificates—1,600 ounces at 56¼, closed 55½@56½. Bar silver 55⅝. Mexican dollars 45¼. Government bonds were weak; U. S. new 4's, registered 125½; U. S. new 4's, coupon, 125½; U. S. 4's 112; U. S. 4's, coupon, 113; U. S. 2's 99½; U. S. 5's, registered, 112½; U. S. 5's, coupon, 112½. State bonds weak; North Carolina 6's 128; North Carolina 4's 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Rosin steady; strained, common to good, $1 40@1 45. Spirits turpentine was firm at 35@35½c.

CHARLESTON, February 24.—Spirits turpentine firm at 32c; sales none; Rosin firm; sales none; quotations unchanged.

SAVANNAH, GA., February 24.—Spirits turpentine firm at 33c; sales 291 casks; receipts 101 casks. Rosin firm; sales 448 barrels; receipts 704 barrels; A, B, C, D, E $1 20, F 1 25, G 1 35, H 1 60, I 1 65, K 1 75, M 1 80, N 1 95, W G 2 00, W W $2 25.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The cotton market while working within a scope of seven points, was decidedly active. Liquidation by some of the more timid longs and a larger degree of confidence on the part of the bear contingent led to active selling which resulted in a loss of six to seven points from the top prices of the day, about the best prices secured on the opening call, when the market showed a gain of 2 to 4 points. Throughout the session, however, the market was exceedingly nervous, anxiety being increased by unfavorable conditions in Wall street. To-day's liquidation was largely on Wall street orders for the purpose of releasing cotton margins and taking advantage of profits in cotton to protect holdings in the stock market. In the afternoon the market was very feverish and closed steady at a net loss of 1 to 2 points.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Cotton dull but steady; middling uplands 6¼c.

Cotton futures opened steady and closed steady, with sales of 201,000 bales at quotations: February 5.99c., March 6.00c., April 6.03c., May 6.06c., June 6.09c., July 6.12c., August 6.15c., September 6.14c., October 6.14c., November 6.14c., December 6.17c.

Spot cotton closed dull but steady; middling uplands 6¼c; middling gulf 6½c; sales 60 bales.

Net receipts 595 bales; gross 8,422 bales; exports to the Continent 153 bales; forwarded 2,896 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners 60 bales; stock 201,120 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 16,606 bales; exports to Great Britain 807 bales; to the Continent 22,995 bales; stock 1,234,142 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 128,784 bales; exports to Great Britain 63,578 bales; to France 7,076 bales; to the Continent 50,314 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts 7,246,172 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,507,419 bales; to France 659,454 bales; to the Continent 2,050,918 bales.

February 24.—Galveston, firm at 5⅝c, net receipts 3,827 bales; Norfolk, firm at 5⅝c, net receipts 1,702 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 6¼c, net receipts 489 bales; Boston, dull at 6¼c, net receipts 470 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅝c, net receipts 121 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6½c, net receipts 8 bales; Savannah, firm at 5 11-16c, net receipts 2,715 bales; New Orleans, steady at 5 9-16c, net receipts 5,591 bales; Mobile, firm at 5⅝c, net receipts 642 bales; Memphis, firm at 5 11-16c, net receipts 1,366 bales; Augusta, no report, net receipts — bales; Charleston, firm at 5 11-16c, net receipts 1,025 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Flour was easy, with buyers again holding off on account of the break in wheat. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red $1 06¾; options opened weak at ¾@⅞c decline and experienced a somewhat sensational break later in the day on Wall street selling and the crash in stocks; long and short wheat came on the market freely all day, the close being weak at 2@2½c net decline; foreign houses also sold; No. 2 red March closed $1 05⅛; May closed $1 00¼. Corn—Spot weak; No. 2 36⅝c at elevator; options opened weak at ¼c decline and followed wheat all day in face of a good export demand; there was considerable liquidation by the six holders; final prices were at ½@¾c net decline; May closed 33⅜c; July closed 36c. Oats—Spot weak; No. 2, 31½c asked; options were dull and weaker; closed ½c net lower; May closed 30⅛c. Lard was easier; Western steam $5 47; May $5 55, nominal; refined quiet. Pork easier; mess $10 75 @11 00. Butter was firm; Western creamery 14½@20; do. factory 11@14c; Elgins 20c; creamery 13@17c; State dairy 13@17c; do creamery 14@19c. Cheese dull; large white September 8½c. Petroleum firmer; refined New York $5 60; Philadelphia and Baltimore $5 55; do. in bulk $2 95. Cotton seed oil easy; prime crude 20½c; do. yellow 23@23½. Rice firm; domestic, fair to extra 4⅜@5⅞c; Japan 5@5¼c. Molasses firm. Coffee—Spot Rio easy; No. 7 invoice 6¼c; No. 7 jobbing 6¾c; mild quiet; Cordova 7½@15½c; sales 450 bags Maracaibo P.T.; 200 bags Central American, P. T.; 200 bags Savanilla, P. T. Sugar—raw firm; fair refining 3 11-16c; centrifugal 96 test 4 3-16c; sales 1,400 bags San Domingo centrifugal 96 test in port at 4 3-16c ex-ship; 4,000 to 5,000 bags Demarara centrifugal 96 test at 2½c, sugar at the Breakwater; refined firm.

CHICAGO, February 24.—Grain and provision markets were all weak today, led by wheat. The break in Wall street, resulting from the war scare, caused general anxiety of smaller holders to get out and resulted in sharp declines. May wheat closed at a loss of 2⅜c from yesterday, and July lost 1½c. Corn and oats closed about ¾c lower each, and provisions show closing declines of from 5 to 17½c.

CHICAGO, February 24.—Cash quotations: Flour quiet. Wheat—No. 2 spring 91½@92½c; No. 3 spring 99@97c; No. 2 red 1 02@1 03½. Corn—No. 2 28⅝@28⅞c. Oats—No. 2, 26c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., —c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 28@29c. Rye—No. 2, 49c. Mess pork, per barrel, $10 60@10 65. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5 20. Short rib sides (loose) $5 10@5 40. Dry salted shoulders (boxed) $4 75@5 00. Short clear sides (boxed) $5 35 @5 55. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 18½.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2, February $1 05¼, 1 05¼, 1 03½, 1 03¼; May $1 04¼, 1 05½, 1 03¼, 1 03½; July 90⅝, 91¼, 89½, 89½. Corn—May 30¼, 30⅝, 29¾, 29⅞; July 31⅝, 31¾, 30⅞, 31c; September 32¾, 32¾, 32⅛, 32½. Oats—May 26½, 26⅝, 25⅞, 26⅛c; July 24½, 24⅝, 24, 24½c. Messpork, per bbl., May $10 75, 10 77½, 10 65, 10 65; July $10 75, 10 80, 10 67½, 10 67½. Lard, per 100 lbs.—May $5 27½, 5 27½, 5 22½, 5 22½; July $5 37½, 5 37½, 5 30, 5 32½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs.—May $5 25, 5 25, 5 15, 5 15; July $5 30, 5 30, 5 22½, 5 22½.

BALTIMORE, February 24.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull and lower; spot and month $1.00¼@1.01; March $1.01@1.01¼; May $1.00¾@1.01; steamer No. 2 red 96¼@96½c; Southern wheat by sample 98c@$1.02; do on grade 97c@$1.01. Corn dull and lower; spot and month 34⅛@34¼c; March 34@34⅛c; April 34@34¼c; steamer mixed 33⅝@34c; Southern white corn 33@35c; do yellow 33@35c. Oats firm; No. 2 white 34½@35c; No. 2 mixed 32½@33c. Rye easier; No. 2 near by 56c; No. 2 Western 57c, sales. Hay steady for grades; choice timothy $12.50@13.00. Grain freights very dull, with demand light and unchanged. Sugar strong and unchanged. Butter unchanged. Eggs unchanged. Cheese unchanged. Lettuce $1.25 per basket. Whiskey unchanged.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, February 24.—4 P. M. Cotton—Spot, good business done and prices higher. American middling fair 3 27-32d; good middling 3 19-32d; American middling 3 7-16d; low middling 3 5-16d; good ordinary 3 5-32d; ordinary 3d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 11,300 American. Receipts 7,000 bales, including 600 American. Futures opened quiet with a moderate demand and closed quiet but steady. American middling (l m c): February 3 22-64@3 23-64d seller; February and March 3 22-64d buyer; March and April 3 22-64d buyer; April and May 3 22-64d buyer; May and June 3 22-64 @3 23-64d buyer; June and July 3 23-64d seller; July and August 3 23-64d buyer; August and September 3 23-64d buyer; September and October 3 23-64@3 24-64d seller; October and November 3 23-64@3 24-64d seller; November and December 3 23-64@3 24-64d seller

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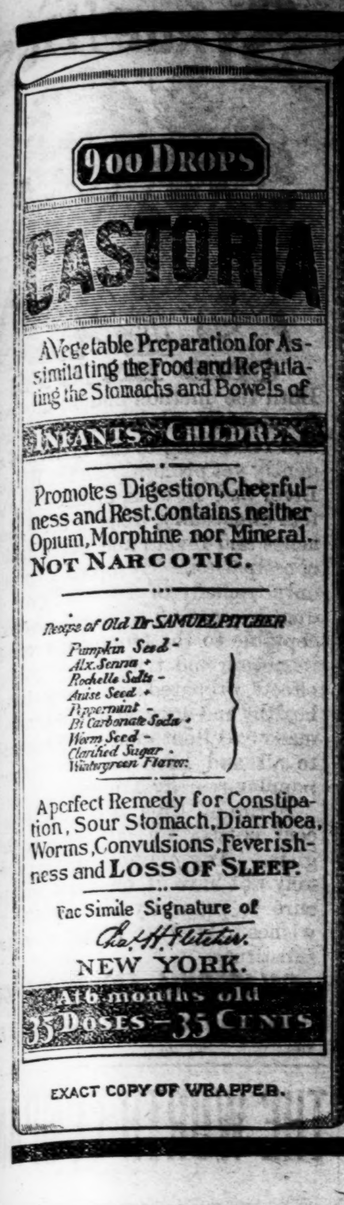

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, } Superior
NEW HANOVER COUNTY. } Court.

James W. Sneeden, Administrator of Mrs. Kate Brown, deceased,
vs.
Mortimer H. Brown et al.

By virtue of a decree made in the above entitled cause, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lots of land in Wilmington, N. C., to-wit:

1. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Second and Dawson streets, runs thence northwardly with the eastern line of Second street 66 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Dawson street 159 feet to an alley, thence southwardly with the said alley 66 feet to Dawson street, thence eastwardly with the northern line of Dawson street 159 feet to the beginning, being the eastern part of Lot 5, Block 45.

2. A lot beginning in the eastern line of Eleventh street 132 feet north of Princess street, runs thence north with said eastern line of Eleventh street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 132 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eleventh street 33 feet, thence west parallel with Princess street 132 feet to the beginning, being a part of the western part of Lot 3, Block 188.

3. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 99 feet north of Campbell street, runs thence northwardly with said western line of Eighth street 33 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east quarter of Lot 4, Block 252.

4. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 132 feet north of Brunswick street, runs thence north with said western line of Eighth street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet, thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east half of Lot 3, Block 282

5. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Ninth street and Swann street, running thence northwardly with the eastern line of Ninth street 297 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street about 290 feet to the line of the property of the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Co., thence with the said line southwestwardly about 355 feet to a point in the northern line of Swann street 70 feet eastwardly from the eastern line of Ninth street, thence westwardly with said northern line of Swann street 70 feet to the beginning, being the western parts of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 and a part of Lot 1, Block 328.

6. A lot beginning at the southwestern intersection of Nixon and Seventh streets, runs westwardly with the southern line of Nixon street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Seventh street 60 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street 33 feet to Seventh street, thence northwardly with said line of Seventh street 60 feet to the beginning, being the east end of Lot 1, Block 325.

7. A lot beginning in the northern line of Princess street 132 feet west of the western line of Twelfth street, runs thence westwardly with said line of Princess street 33 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet to the beginning, being parts of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 188.

WILKES MORRIS, Commissioner.
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Attention has recently been directed in England and Australia to still another plan for insuring the recovery of a very large percentage of the gold originally existing in the ore. The main idea involved, that of breaking up the quartz by alternately heating and cooling it, is old, but some of the details of the process are new, and it is claimed for the so called "oreatomic" system that it is more successful than any previous attempt in the same direction.

In the preliminary crushing the rock is brought down only to small lumps of convenient size, and not to actual powder. The material is then inclosed in a chamber from which the outside air is carefully excluded, and the chamber is placed in a furnace, in which, besides the fuel, there are pieces of redhot iron. A jet of steam is thrown upon both the coal (or coke) and iron, and the result is the development of water gas and hydrogen. These gases have access to the chamber and prevent the oxidization of the metal. Indeed if there be any oxide in the ore it is "reduced" by the hydrogen. Any sulphur which may be present is also eliminated, passing off in the form of sulphureted hydrogen. After the ore has remained in the heated chamber for a time, whose length varies according to the composition of the rock, it is suddenly "quenched" by the injection of cold water. Inasmuch as the fragments into which this first chill breaks up the quartz are not as small as could be desired, the water is drained off and the series of operations is repeated several times. Finally the contents of the chamber are dumped into a tank. When the ore is cool enough to be taken between the fingers, it crumbles into powder easily. No heavy stamps are required to pulverize the substance now. It is alleged that there is absolutely no loss in the form of "float gold" and no oxidization, and therefore that all of the precious metal originally in the ore may be recovered.—New York Tribune.

A Pigeon Race.

In France pigeons are regarded as valuable messengers in case of war, and recently the French ministry of war offered a prize for the winner of a pigeon race from Perigueux to Paris, 260 miles. No less than 2,746 birds were entered in the contest. The winner made the distance in 7 hours 34 minutes, an average of over 34 miles an hour.

The Wrong Jam.

Haskell—What's Bobby crying for?

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"Sir! He talked to me with the other one. He is deaf and dumb."—Chicago Tribune.

IN THE MOONLIGHT.

Sergeant Jack Had Lost All That Made Life Dear to Him.

One day it was whispered in our camp before Petersburg that Sergeant Jack's wife had died. Sergeant Jack was reserved and rather morose, and none of us knew whether he had a wife or not until the rumor came. The sergeant's demeanor told us that the story was true.

The soldier's mental suffering was plain to all who looked into his face. He had loved her well, and the blow had come too suddenly. In a week's time he grew so old and haggard that one could hardly identify him as the same man. Some of the men whisperingly declared that he would do some desperate thing, others that he would bear it like a man and get the best of it after awhile. We loved Sergeant Jack, every man of us in B company, and he had the sympathy of all his comrades.

Things were thus when it came our turn one night to go into the rifle pits on the line nearest the Confederates. We had to march down from camp by covered ways and crawl into the pits like so many serpents. Death was there waiting for any man who but showed his head above a pit. Not a finger could be held up without a dozen bullets being fired at it. On this night it was bright moonlight—so bright that one could see every leaf and blade of grass and every insect moving about. The great guns were silent after a hot day's work, but there was a spiteful and murderous fire of musketry along the rifle pits.

The bullets whizzed above our heads in a vengeful way, and the officers kept crying, "Look out, men—keep down!" as we neared the pits. Men dropped off here and there till only six of us were left, and Sergeant Jack had charge of placing us. The men in the pits had to come out first, and as soon as they got the signal they began the movement. We were watching them as they wormed themselves along the ground when Sergeant Jack suddenly uttered a groan. It was not a groan of pain, but of anguish—such a sound as a strong man might make when he felt his heart breaking over his grief. All of us turned to look at him, and as we did so he stepped out from under shelter into the open and the moonlight and was face to face with death!

"Down, sergeant—come back—look out!" we shouted at him, but he drew himself up and walked straight toward the Confederate lines. His appearance amazed the sharpshooters for half a minute. So bright was the moonlight that they could look right into his eyes. It was not the act of a brave man. None of them would put it down to bravado. He was not a deserter seeking admission to their lines. We shouted to them not to shoot—that our sergeant had lost his mind—and those directly in front heard us and withheld their fire. Those on the flanks, however, could not catch our words, and, probably believing that some hostile movement was contemplated, a score of muskets blazed away at the target in the moonlight. We saw Sergeant Jack halt, totter, throw up his hands and sink down, and we knew that he was dead—had courted death because there was nothing more in life for him. We crept out and rescued his body for a soldier's burial. More than a dozen bullets had struck him, and on his face was a look of relief—a look which came there in his dying moment as he realized that death would end all.—Detroit Free Press.

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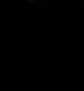

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Train 4.—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:41 A. M., Raleigh 3:30 P. M., Sanford 5:08 P. M., Hamlet 6:58 P. M., Rockingham 7:30 P. M., Wadesboro 8:11 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., Athens 3:45 A. M., and Atlanta 6:20 A. M. Connection at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4:10 P. M., Richmond 8:56 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M. Arrives Weldon 11:10 P. M., Raleigh 2.07 A. M., Sanford 3:35 A. M., Hamlet 5:10 A. M., Rockingham 5:23 A. M., Wadesboro 5:54 A. M., Monroe 6:43 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolnton 10:20 A. M., Shelby 11.18 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:15 P. M., Atlanta 3:50 P. M. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman Sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

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Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 1:00 P. M. Arrives Athens 3:16 P. M., Monroe 9:30 P. M. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 P. M., arrives Shelby 5:55 P. M., Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8.18 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M., Wadesboro 10:31 P. M., Rockingham 11:05 P. M., Hamlet 11:20 P. M., Sanford 1:02 A. M., Raleigh 2:16 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:18 A. M., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman Sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

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Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 25 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 17 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 45 "
Leave Sanford	2 36 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 55 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3 DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15 Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 35 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 25 "
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Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 25 "
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Time Table No. 3.

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro........	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston..........	10 12	....
5 35	5 45	Newbern.........	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City..	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.03 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.55 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.45 P. M., Weldon 4.33 P. M., Petersburg 6.23 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 6.05 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M. Baltimore 1.06 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due' Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., †Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.03 A. M., Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.18 P. M., Newbern 8.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.25 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 P. M., *New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.03 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 A. M., Weldon 11.52 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P. M., Goldsboro 3.20 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.24 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.01 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.29 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M. Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.27 P. M., Jacksonville 7.40 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Columbia 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 8.20 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Sumter 8.12 A. M., Florence 9.58 A. M., Marion 10.36 A. M., Chadbourn 11.38 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.09 P. M.

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Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.20 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 A. M.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 A. M. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 P. M.; arrives Nashville 5.05 P. M., Spring Hope 5.30 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 A. M., Nashville 8.35 A. M.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, Daily except Sunday, at 11.20 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M and 3.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.09 A. M.; arrive Latta 10.26 A. M., Dillon 10.38 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.13 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.33 P. M., Latta 6.46 P. M., Pee Dee 7.10 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.43 A. M.; arrive Conway 2.08 P. M.; leave Conway 2.45 P. M., Chadbourn 5.45 P. M.; arrive Hub 6.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.27 P. M., Manning 6.58 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.36 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.08 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.37 A. M. Daily.

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Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4.29 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M.; arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.25 P. M., Creston 5.30 P. M., Sumter 6.25 P. M. Daily.

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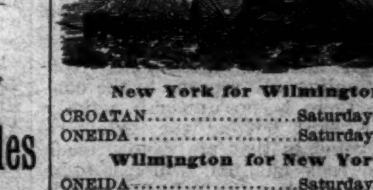

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MORE WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

At Norfolk and Richmond, Virginia, Providence Rhode Island and Philadelphia.

NORFOLK, Va., February 23.—The monitor Puritan, upon which men have been working night and day for the past week, did not sail to-day, and the ship's sailing orders have not been received up to to-night. At noon the Navy Department was notified that the repairs to the monitor had been completed, and that the ship was ready for sea. The vessel lay at the yard all afternoon under steam waiting orders.

Hundreds of applications from men who want to join the navy are flowing in from all parts of the Union. At the recruiting offices white applicants are taken on. The majority of those applying are negroes. The yard authorities are advertising for ship fitters and iron workers.

Projectiles Sent to New York.

RICHMOND, VA., February 23.—The Tredegar Iron Works will to-morrow ship to New York five car-loads of projectiles, in fulfillment of the contract entered into some months ago with the government. The first shipment was made last September, and the date fixed for the completion of the contract has been anticipated four months. There were 1,100 projectiles ordered, ranging in weight from 1,000 to 300 pounds. The largest are four feet long and twelve inches in diameter. Mr. A. C. Meagher, inspector of the Ordance Department, who has personal supervision of the work and inspected every projectile, will now return to Washington.

Fittings for Torpedo Boats.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., February 23.—The Herreshoff Company has sent to Key West, under hurry orders, certain extra fittings for the torpedo boats Dupont and Porter. The absence of these parts is causing both of these craft to be out of action.

Work on Cruiser Minneapolis.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., February 23.—Imperative orders were issued to-day to the painters working on the cruiser Minneapolis, in dry dock at League Island, that they must finish her so that she can be floated at high tide tomorrow.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY.

Will Act at Once Should Report Show Spanish Treachery in the Loss of the Maine.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, February 24.—General William H. Powell, of Belleville, who was in command of the regiment in which President McKinley served during the civil war, and who was recently appointed collector of internal revenue for the Southern Illinois district, returned from Washington today. The General, who is a personal friend of President McKinley, said that while at the capital he discussed the Maine disaster and its possible results with the Chief Executive.

"The President stated to me," said the general, "that he was only waiting for a complete report of the naval board of inquiry, and that should it report that our sailors had met their death through Spanish treachery he was prepared to act at once, and in a manner which would meet the approval of every loyal American citizen."

General Powell said preparations for war were being pushed with the utmost vigor, and added: "I am convinced that President McKinley is the right man in the right place, and that as soon as Spanish treachery has been proved his policy will be rigid enough to meet the appreval even of the most pronounced jingoes"

ACTIVITY AT FORT M'PHERSON.

Everything in Readiness to Move the Troops There to Any Point.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., February 24.—Activity has never been so great at Fort McPherson as at the present time. The stir is attributable to Gen. Merritt's arrival. Everything is in readiness to move the regiments to any point that may be designated within a few hours. At a consultation to-day between Col. Cook, commandant of the fort, and railroad officials, Col. Cook was assured that the men could be transported to Florida within a night. Any reports to the effect that the regiments are about to move is denied by the officers of the fort.

General Merritt will go to the fort to-morrow morning and inspect the troops. The munitions of war have been greatly increased during the last few days.

General Merritt was seen to-night and asked if his arrival in the city was an indication of immediate action on the part of the regiments.

"No," said he, "it is a part of my duty to inspect each post in my division every year and I have come here merely as a part of my routine work. It is not a warlike move at all."

CRUISER MINNEAPOLIS

Floated Out of Dock at League Island Navy Yard.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, February 24.—The United States cruiser Minneapolis was successfully floated out of the dry dock at the League Island navy yard at high tide this afternoon. Notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, there is no unusual activity at the yard beyond the extensive improvements that are being made to the back channel, which is to be used as a fresh water basin for vessels of the navy. The receiving ship Richmond is beseiged daily by applicants for enlistment but very few are being taken.

Beside the Minneapolis, there are now at League island the cruiser Columbia, the monitor Miantonomah, aud the ram Katahdin, all out of commission at present. There are also eight old monitors at the yard, all of them relics of the civil war, but which could be fitted up quickly in case they were needed.

It is five days since the French Liner LaChampagne should have steamed into New York, yet no tidings of her have been heard since she left Havre on February 12. She has 479 souls on board.

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THE DISASTER TO THE MAINE.

Evidence Which Seems Conclusive that the Explosion Was Underneath the Ship.

DISCOVERED BY THE DIVERS.

The Navy Department Claims to Have No Information—Is Awaiting Investigation by Court of Inquiry—Telegram from Sigsbee.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 24.—Rumors of startling discoveries in the wreck of the Maine were less frequent, but there were enough of them still afloat to-day to warrant Secretary Long in making this statement to the newspaper men as he left his office:

"Summing up the situation, I should say that the Navy Department knows to-day nothing more about the cause of the disaster than it did five minutes after the receipt of the first dispatch from Captain Sigsbee."

Until the conclusion of the investigation of the court of inquiry at Havana, the principal business of the Navy Department in connection with the Maine will relate to the conduct of the wrecking operations. Captain Lemly, the judge advocate general, who has this branch of the work immediately in charge, to-day received telegrams from the Merritt and Chapman wrecking companies at New York, stating that the steamer Merritt, and wrecking lighter Sharp had sailed for Havana and that the tug Underwriter with the chief would leave New York Saturday for the same place. The asistant wrecking master was going to Havana on the Ward Line steamer Saturday, and it was suggested to the department that its inspector should take the same steamer. Inasmuch as Lieutenant Commander Kimball, who is now at Havana, has been assigned to the duty of inspecting the wrecking operations, it will not be necessary to observe this suggestion.

Diver's Work Proceeds Slowly.

Late to-night the Navy Department received two brief telegrams from Captain Sigsbee at Havana. One related to some routine matter of expenditures in connection with the work on the Maine, The other is as follows: "Divers report more bodies in the wreck. Some in hammocks, involved in debris, probably not recognizable."

This dispatch indicates that the divers have finally secured at least a partial entrance to the quarters in the forward part of the vessel where the crew were asleep when the explosion occurred, and under which were the magazines. The fact that the divers were unable to extricate the bodies shows the fearful obstacles against which they are laboring and bears out the belief that the work of submarine investigation will necessarily proceed slowly.

Telegram from Sigsbee.

The only exact information received at the Navy Department from Havana during the day was conveyed in Captain Sigsbee's telegram, as follows:

"HAVANA, February 24.—*Long, Secretary of the Navy:* Wrecking tug Right Arm arrived yesterday. Begins work to-day. Much encumbering metal must be blasted away in detail. Navy divers down aft seven days, forward four days. Bodies of Jenkins and Merritt not found. Two unidentified bodies of crew found yesterday. Aft department filled with detached, broken and buoyant furniture and fittings, mud and confusion. Spanish authorities continue offers of assistance, and care for wounded and dead. Everything that goes from wreck to the United States should be disinfected. Wrecking company should provide for this.

"Surgeon of the Maine, after consulting with others, recommended that all bedding and clothing should be abandoned. Might go to acclimated poor. Useless fittings and equipments might be towed to sea and thrown overboard. Will take all immediate responsibility, but invite department's wishes. Shall old metal of superstructure and like be saved? Friends of dead should understand that we are in the tropics. Chaplain Chidwick is charged with all matters relative to the dead. His conduct is beyond praise. Don't know what reports are being printed, but the intensely active representatives of the press here have been very considerate of me and my position. (Signed) SIGSBEE."

Secretary Long immediately answered Captain Sigsbee, approving all his recommendations. He was directed to have Lieutenant Wainwright, the executive officer of the Maine, make arrrangements with the wreckers for the disinfection of everything sent to the United States.

Captain Sigsbee's statement that the divers have been down aft seven days and forward four days gave the Navy Department the first information of the time that the divers had been in the vicinity of the "zone of the explosion," as he had termed it. This zone is confined to the forward part of the ship, and while the divers have been down aft for the last week, their work forward, in the vicinity of the large magazine, has been in progress only four days, which presumably began on Monday and included to-day.

The Naval Militia.

The Navy Department to-day gave out the figures showing the strength of the naval militia up to date. This shows a total force of 4,445 officers and enlisted men, which is a gratifying increase from the 3,703 shown by the last report. The number of officers and men by States is as follows: California, 386; Connecticut, 165; Florida, 186; Georgia, 225; Illinois, 523; Louisiana, 262; Maryland, 240; Massachusetts, 441; Michigan, 193; New Jersey, 364; New York, 472; North Carolina, 230; Ohio, 216; Pennsylvania, 216; Rhode Island, 130; South Carolina, 152; Virginia, 44. Total 4,445.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt says in this connection that Illinois leads the list with forty-three command officers and 423 petty officers and enlisted men.

Aside from the forces shown in the above list new brigades are in process of formation, which promises to swell the total to much larger figures at an early day. The organization of this auxiliary arm of the navy service is under immediate direction of Lieutenant Gibbons, U. S. N., whose energy has accomplished much in securing State organization and in the harmonizing of the bodies into one compact force, capable in emergency of cooperating with the regular navy. In his last report Mr. Roosevelt said that the State Naval militia, in the event of sudden emergency, could be utilized at once for manning the smaller national cruisers. It could be depended upon mainly, he said, as a second line of defence, and also be used in placing mines and the establishment of signal stations for coast defence.

The appropriation of $50,000 made by Congress to aid the work of the naval militia will be apportioned among the States in a few days.

Washington Secure from Attack.

Thanks to the promptness and efficiency of the chief of engineers and the chief of ordnance of the army, the city of Washington is now regarded as being well nigh safe and secure from attack by water. The fortifications at Fort Washington and Sheridan Point, on the opposite side of the Potomac, are sufficiently advanced to be able to repel an ordinary fleet of invaders, and in case of necessity they could be vastly strengthened in a comparatively short time. These defences are considered sufficient to keep all hostile vessels beyond the range of gunshot of the national capital.

Moreover, the river has been blocked off and prepared for mines and torpedoes at a point below the fortifications already mentioned, so that it is probable some of the ships of an enemy would be blown out of the world before it would be necessary to use the guns at the forts.

Developments of Divers.

WASHINGTON, February 24.—The *Evening Star* has received the following cablegram from Charles M. Pepper, its staff-correspondent in Cuba:

HAVANA, via Key West, Fla., February 24.—At this writing divers are developing important results. From examination of the interior wreckage they have secured evidence which seems conclusive that the explosion came from underneath the ship.

"Some of the smaller magazines may have exploded. The main ten inch magazine did not explode. The condition of the interior of the ship shows further probability of the wreck having been due to outside force.

"The further the investigation progresses the more untenable becomes the theory which the Spanish Government adduced, to show accidental cause. It is evident the Spanish case will be based on the claim that a fire preceded the explosion.

"Captain Sampson and his colleagues of the naval board may have outside evidence offered regarding a torpedo float producing the explosion.

"Said one diver who had been engaged in the work of getting bodies out from under the hatch: 'God be merciful to the men who blew these poor fellows to eternity; the United States should not' This was before Long's order prohibiting officers from talking. This diver evidently thought the explosion was not an expert's capacity, and opportunity for judging.

"The Havana public is not permitted to know the intensity of public sentiment in the United States. Only meagre details are permitted to be known of what happens in Washington. Congress is watched with excessive anxiety by palace officials, but the populace knows nothing of what is liable to happen.

"Evidences of ill feeling toward American people and exultation over the Maine disaster do not lessen. The Maine inquiry dwarfs interest in Cuban politics, but recent developments carry official confession of the failure of autonomy.

"(Signed) PEPPER."

Doubt of Raising the Wreck.

In view of the many expressions of doubt concerning the possibility of raising the wreck of the Maine, the message sent yesterday to the Navy Department by Admiral Sicard may have some weight. The admiral reported that the court of inquiry, which is on the spot and has had the advantage of the opinion of divers, had declared that the most powerful appliances would be necessary to remove the wreck or raise the ship. The last expression is taken to mean that the court has so far not concluded that it would be impossible to again float the Maine, else the language would seem to have been unnecessary; an unwarranted supposition in the case of expensive cablegrams.

It can be stated that up to this time the naval officials have given no thought to the relief of Admiral Sicard as commander-in-chief of the naval forces on the North Atlantic station. They do not believe that the Admiral's health is so seriously impaired, and it is safe to say that no movement will be made towards his relief unless a suggestion comes first from himself.

Nothing From Gen. Lee.

Nothing has been heard from Gen. Lee at Havana since day before yesterday in the shape of a cablegram, and as the Consul General has been prompt heretofore in informing the State Department of any developments of significance, it is supposed that there have been none since Gen. Lee's last report. In the mail received from him this morning was a copy of the message of condolence received by him from Captain General Blanco.

No orders have been issued as yet for any vessel to go to Havana to replace the Maine. Secretary Long said some days ago that a vessel would be sent to Havana later and that either the Nashville or the Montgomery would be selected. It can be stated authoritatively that this is still the situation and that no conclusion has been reached as to when another warship will replace the Maine.

At the Spanish Legation

Much interest is manifested in the developments attending the Maine inquiry and the earnest hope is expressed that conservative judgment will not be influenced by reports which by the legation are regarded as untrustworthy. Mr. Dubosc and his staff of the legation are maintaining a calm attitude, and are seeking to allay everything which might inflame public sentiment.

The Spanish cruiser Vizcaya will probably sail to-morrow for Havana. That, however, is a matter wholly within the discretion of Capt. Eulate. It is probable that she would have gone before this time if it were not for the misleading impression which an early departure might occasion.

Reports received to-day at the legation speak with satisfaction of the courtesies which the Government officials at New York have shown to the officers and men of the ship.

Steamer Dauntless.

The whereabouts of the steamer Dauntless, said to have sailed from Florida with a filibustering expedition, is beginning to excite much comment. The expedition is said to have sailed over a week ago, and there has been ample time for her to reach Cuba. No reports to this effect have been received. It is felt that she must have encountered heavy weather, and is possibly disabled, or else has made a quiet landing and is now cruising about to secure a safe avenue of escape from the Spanish ships in watching.

BANK FAILURE IN BALTIMORE.

Receiver Appointed—Liabilities $170,000 Assets $120,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, February 24.—Judge Sharp to-day appointed Simon P. Schott receiver for the Bank of South Baltimore, on Light street. The assets are estimated at $120,000, and the liabilities at $170,000. The bond is for $200,000. There is a cash shortage of $4,700 and an obvious deficit of $9,762.33 produced by shrinkage of values. The larger portion of the deposits, amounting to some $130,000, are by poor persons.

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THE INQUIRY IN HAVANA HARBOR

Neither Officers of the Court Nor Witnesses Will Tell Anything of Evidence.

WILL MEET IN KEY WEST.

To Take Testimony There—Cubans Claim There Are Nine Galleries Under the Harbor of Havana—Denied By Spaniards.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, February 24.—The Court of Inquiry held its usual sessions today. Captain Sampson reports that Chaplain Chidwick was examined as to his personal experience at the time of the disaster to the Maine, and that the testimony was taken of the captain of a British bark in the harbor and the superintendent of the West Indian oil works, across the bay at Regla, both of whom witnessed the explosion. Mr. Rolf, the British engineer of the floating dock in the harbor, wrote a letter to the court, but, it is said, did not add anything material to what was known.

At the afternoon session the divers were examined more fully than before. Their testimony is taken from day to day. The court expects now to finish here to-day and to sail on the Mangrove for Key West, where the other officers and men will be examined.

The wrecking tug Right Arm did not go north, as was expected yesterday. She is now moored beside the poop of the wreck, and will salve the smaller portions as far as possible in advance ot the arrival of other tugs with better facilities for heavy work.

Chaplain Chidwick reports that all the wounded here are doing well, except Frederick C. Holzer, of New York, who may die at any moment.

Neither the officers of the Court of Inquiry nor the witnesses will give the slightest indication of the testimony or the conclusions deducible from it, and all say that the men employed on the wreck have been warned to observe an equally strict reticence. This course is regarded as eminently wise by the American and all intelligent Spanish officials, as there is no telling what passions might be aroused or what evil results might be brought about by talking freely on official matters in the present state of public feeling in Havana. Thus far Americans are treated with the utmost courtesy and kindness; and it seems the special care of the residents of Havana to show friendliness.

Consul General Lee says there is no truth in the report that he had asked Captain General Blanco to dismiss from Cuba certain newspaper men for sending sensational stories to the United States. On the contrary, Gen. Lee has never interfered with the American newspaper men in any way.

To-day the principal streets and buildings are gaily decorated with flags and bunting in honor of the Spanish soldiers, 2,029 infantrymen, under the command of Jose Amedor, who arrived this morning by the steamer Montevido from Barcelona.

General Solano, the second chief of staff, to-day returned on board the Maugrove the visit of the court of inquiry, acting as the representative of the Governor General. Admiral Manterola personally returned the visit to him by the court. The Thursday reception of General Blanco was resumed this evening.

In connection with the claim made by the Cubans that there are nine galleries under the harbor of Havana, leading from subterannean passages, and known to have existed for years between Fort Cabanas, Morro Castle and this port, the Spaniards explain that for over a century a subterranean passage about two miles long and eight feet at its narrowest diameter, capable of giving passage to a column of troops, has existed from the navy yard to Castillo del Principe. But, the Spaniards further assert, the existence of this passage was not known to the present authorities or to those who have been in power for many years past. The entrances and exits, it is added, have been closed for years by thick walls now covered with debris and their exact location is said to be lost. At the same time it is admitted that the records regarding the subterranean passage can be found in old documents in the archives of Havana. Finally, the Spaniards insist that this passage does not go under the harbor at any point.

The session of the Court of Inquiry this afternoon was devoted to taking the testimony of two civilians, Americans, who saw the explosion from the deck of the Ward Line steamer City of Washington, that was moored a few hundred yards from the Maine, and of two divers, who have been at work on the wreck for several days.

Although it is probable the Mangrove will leave for Key West to-morrow, Captain Sampson is not yet certain. It is believed the court will return to Havana after hearing the Key West witnesses, but no official confirmation of this report can be obtained. With the departure of the court the centre of interest will probably be at Key West, although the officers will maintain the same reserve there as here.

The news given out by the court is strictly confined to that already sent by this correspondent, and is very scanty at the best.

The explosion is no longer the sole topic of conversation. The public here appears to be content to await the report of the court of inquiry, and to be well assured that nothing except surmise is possible until the report is made.

The Coast survey steamer A. D. Bache, after many delays, left the Tortugas this morning with three wounded, all doing well. Owing to the American quarantine regulations, the wounded having been in hospitals here and exposed to fever must be taken to hospitals in the Tortugas for quarantine. The names of the wounded on the Bache are John Heffron of Freemanstown, N. J., Thomas J. Waters, of Philadelphia, Jeremiah Shea, of Haverhill, Mass.

The other wounded are doing well late to-night. Even Holzer, though sorely wounded, is better and making a gallant fight for life,

No bodies were recovered to-day from the wreck. Recent orders from Captain Sigsbee strictly forbid all officers of the Maine to give out any information except to those officially empowered to ask it. The order is generally understood to apply to all official matters, though some think it affects only matters connected with the disaster.

Cubans Defeat Spaniards.

On Saturday last a party of about forty guerillas left a fort on a farm near Aguacate, about forty miles from this city, "as was their custom," to dine at a neighboring place. During the absence of the guerillas a detachment of about fifteen insurgents occupied the fort, and when the garrison returned from dinner the insurgents fell upon them with machetes and killed twenty-five out of the forty guerillas. The remaining fifteen members of the Government forces succeeded in escaping.

SPANISH PRESS ISSUE WARNING.

The Government Urged to Prepare for War With the United States.

DISTRUST PACIFIC INTENTIONS

A Semi-Official Journal Warns the Nation Against the "Hypocritical Yankee Policy Which Really Aims at the Independence of Cuba."

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, February 24.—The Queen-Regent to-day presided at a cabinet council which discussed the relations between Spain and the United States.

The United States minister, General Stewart L. Woodford, gave a banquet to-day in honor of the new Spanish minister at Washington, Senor Polo Y. Bernabe. Much political importance was attached here to the incident, and the banquet, "coupled with the peaceful utterances of President McKinley," according to a semi-official report, have been "optimistically utilized by the ministerial press." But the *Imparcial* to-day takes the Spanish Government to task for its "apathy, contrasted with the patriotic feeling of the country," and warns the nation against the "hypocritical Yankee policy which really aims at the independence of Cuba."

Continuing, the *Imparcial* says: "President McKinley may make and reiterate protestations of friendship and pacific intentions, but his actions contradict his words. While the President of the United States is cajoling us with words, he sharpens his dagger to stab us behind. While talking concord, he utilizes his Sundays in unusual United States war preparations at all the docks, and cancels the furloughs of the marines. Can we trust those who are preventing the pacification of Cuba and fomenting rebellion and filibustering expeditions, sending warships under the pretext of friendship and preaching peace. We must prepare for war. There is no time to acquire new warships, but we should fit out immediately what we have. sending the Pelayo, Colon, Carlos V. and Maria Teresa to follow the Almironte, Oquendo and Vizcaya to Cuban waters and the rest of the fleet to guard the peninsula. Other policy than preparedness is only to play the American's game, which is to exhaust our resources and gain the independence of Cuba without risking anything. How long does the government mean to favor the American plans. How long will the agonizing nation tolerate the apathy of the government?"

This language from a semi-official organ is much commented upon.

The *Paix* frankly declares that Cuban independence is imminent.

JOINT TRAFFIC CASE.

Hearing Begun in the United States Supreme Court.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 26.—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day began the hearing in the joint traffic case, in which the United States seeks to have the agreement on the part of the thirty-one leading roads of the country constituting the Traffic Association as formed in 1895, set aside and declared null and void and to have the Association enjoined from operating under this agreement.

The case has proved to be the means of collecting the most formidable array of counsel on the side of the defence that has been seen in the court room for many a day. The list included ex-Senator George F. Edmunds, of Vermont, ex-Minister to England E. J. Phelps and Hon. James C. Carter, of New York. Solicitor General Richards appeared for the Government. The time for the presentation of the case was extended so as to give the counsel for the railroads four hours, making six hours for the entire hearing.

COTTON MILL STRIKERS.

Men, Women and Children, Slowly Starving, Appeal for Aid,

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS., February 24.—An important appeal was issued today by the council of cotton mill strikers in this city, and upon the nature of the response, it is said, will depend whether or not the mill hands will return to work under the recent reduction of wages. The appeal is addressed to the "men and women of New England" and asks for financial assistance to maintain the strike. It sets forth that about 400 families, comprising 2,000 men, women and children, are slowly starving to death, and unless aid is forthcoming within a short time the strike will have to be abandoned.

THE MONITOR TERROR

Left Norfolk and Anchored at Old Point to Await Orders.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., February 24.—The monitor Terror, which has been repairing at the navy yard, left her dock at 11.15 o'clock this morning, and proceeding slowly out of the harbor under her own steam, dropped down to Old Point and anchored for the afternoon and night. It is believed she is awaiting orders and that her present orders do not carry her farther than Old Point. The monitor's departure was attended by considerable excitement, thousands of people crowding the wharves to watch her as she passed by.

AT FORT THOMAS, KY.

Troops Expect to go to Key West Instead of Charleston.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CINCINNATI, O., February 24.—Under instructions from Washington, Colonel Cochran, commandant at Fort Thamas, Ky., to-day issued orders bringing the men on rifle range at Culbarston, Ky., back to the fort. New bayonets that can also be used for trenching tools, were issued to all the troops. The men are daily undergoing fatigue drill and expect to go to Key West instead of Charleston, S. C., as reported.

The first regiment of the Ohio National Guard, located here, is filling up with recruits.

AT FORT LEAVENWORTH.

The Entire Command Ordered to be in Readiness to Move.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, MO., February 24.—A dispatch to the *Journal* from Leavenworth, Kas., says great tension exists at Fort Leavenworth, caused by the receipt of telegraphic orders to have the entire command in readiness to move at twenty-four hours notice.

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

Senator Allen Withdraws His Resolution to Investigate the Cuban Situation.

BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE.

The Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill Under Consideration—Appropriation Voted for Machinery at Springfield Arsenal.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 24.—A feature of the Senate's session to-day was the speech of Senator Spooner, Wisconsin, on the right of Henry W. Corbett to a seat in the Senate from Oregon under appointment of the Governor. Senator Spooner made a constitutional argument in favor of seating Mr. Corbett and had not concluded when the Senate adjourned.

An effective point was made by Senator Spooner when he citied the credentials of John Walker, of Virginia, who was appointed to the Senate on March 31st, 1790, by the Governor of Virginia. This case, the first gubernatorial appointment made to the Senate under the the constitution, Senator Spooner said, was precisely similar to that now under consideration, as Senator Walker's credentials showed that the legislature of Virginia had had opportunity to fill the vacancy then existing and had failed to do so.

The Senate accepted Mr. Walker's credentials and seated him. "Can it reasonably be held," exclaimed Senator Spooner, "that the distinguished men then sitting in the Senate knew less of constitutional law than we know now."

An effort was made to obtain consideration of the Alaska homestead and railway right of way bill, but on a parliamentary technicality it went over.

The resolution offered yesterday by Senator Allen, Nebraska, to appoint a committee of five Senators to investigate the Cuban situation was withdrawn by its author when it was laid before the Senate.

House of Representatives.

The House devoted itself strictly to business to-day, and disposed of thirty additional pages of the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill. An unsuccessful attempt to increase the appropriation for the suppression of epidemic diseases $200,000 led to considerable debate on the advisability of establishing a national quarantine. The fact that the Government is preparing for contingencies was recognized in the House to-day when Chairman Cannon, who has been laboring to keep down appropriations, accepted without a word of protest, an amendment to increase the appropriation to care for the unused machinery at the Springfield arsenal. Mr. Gillett explained that necessity for using this machinery might occur at any time.

The House adjourned at 5.15 P. M.

LAKE CITY OUTRAGE.

Postoffice Inspectors Investigating the Murder of Postmaster Baker—No Clue to Perpetrators.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 24.—The Postoffice Department has directed inspector Williams, at Chattanooga, Tenn., to detail another inspector to proceed to Lake City, S. C., and assist Mr. Moye, who arrived there last night, to conduct the investigation into the murder of postmaster Baker and the burning of his postoffice. A singular coincidence in the case of Baker is that on February 21st, the day of the night on which he was murdered, he wrote a letter to the Postoffice Department saying that his life had been threatened and asking that the Government extend some protection to him. This letter came to hand yesterday afternoon.

Senor McLaurin, of South Carolina, was among Postmaster General Gary's callers to-day and expressed horror at the crime in which Baker lost his life. He asked that the department use every means at its command to discover the perpetrators of the outrage and assured General Gary that he would do everything in his power to assist him.

A dispatch was received from inspector Moye at Lake City this afternoon saying that he was pursuing the investigation directed by the department. There was no clue to the perpetrators and no part of the postoffice property had been recovered. The coroner's jury which is investigating the crime had adjourned until twelve o'clock Saturday. General Gary has called the attention of the officials of the Department of Justice to the matter with a view to the apprehension and conviction of participants in the crime.

HON. WM. J. BRYAN.

Address at a Democratic Gathering in Topeka, Kansas.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, February 24.—William J. Bryan addressed six hundred Democrats at a banquet held in this city to-night. Mr. Bryan asserted that the money power was to be the paramount issue in the next campaign, and cited the fact that the national committees of the Democrats, the Populists and the free silver Republicans have issued addresses in which they assert that the money question is the issue, and call for the co-operation of the forces that it may triumph.

In an interview, Mr. Bryan declined to discuss the present crisis with Spain. He said there was time enough to discuss that affair when the official investigation committee in the Maine affair had made its report.

WILL LEAVE NEW YORK.

The Spanish Man-of-war Departs Today for Havana.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Unless some unexpected order is received from Madrid the Spanish man-of-war Vizcaya will weigh anchor to-morrow afternoon and steam through the Narrows to the open sea on her way direct to Havana. The Spanish consul-general in New York called on Captain Eulate this afternoon and took to him important dispatches, one of which ordered him to leave this port without delay.

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MR. HANCOCK'S ASPIRATIONS.

Manufacturing Company in Rockingham County and a Mining Company in Cherokee Incorporated — District Attorney Bernard.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 24.

The Richmond police want the young man who broke into the Woolcott residence. He stole a bicycle in that city. The Petersburg authorities are also eager to get him., He is wanted on three charges of burglary in that place. The young man claims that his parents are wealthy. Mr. J. C. L. Harris, counsel for the prisoner, has communicated with them and will probably go North to consult them. The evidence is conclusive against the fellow.

Robert Hancock aspires to new political honors. He announces that he will be a candidate for Clerk of the Court in Craven county.

The Secretary of State to-day incorporated the Nantucket Mills, at Spray, Rockingham, N. C., with a capital stock of $25,000.

The Irwindale Mining Company, of Cherokee county, was also incorporated with a capital stock of $36,000, with the privilege of increasing it to one million dollars. All the incorporators are New York capitalists.

District Attorney C. M. Bernard has fully determined to make Raleigh his headquarters. Mr. C. B. Aycock yesterday completed the transfer of all documents and records in his possession.

WARM WIRELETS.

Fourth class postmasters have been appointed in North Carolina as follows: Cumnock, Caleb F. Pendleton; Selma, James T. Corbett.

Mr. M. W. Galt, widely known as the leading jeweller in Washington, D. C., died suddenly Thursday night. He was over 70 years of age.

Mr. Gladstone will shortly undergo an operation to alleviate pain caused by necrosis of the bone of the nose, from which, some of the specialists say, he is suffering.

The condition of Mrs. Wm. C. Whitney, at Aiken, S. C., remains very critical. The severe blow she received on her head paralyzed her body, which caused the loss of the use of all her limbs.

The feature of the New York dry goods market yesterday was the activity of jobbers. In addition to many mail orders there was a remarkably good showing of buyers in the city and they took goods with a considerable degree of activity. Reports from jobbers in various parts of the country go to show that the buying is quite free with retailers in the small towns.

A Wasted Sermon.

A teacher in a large public school at Peckham has recently been much annoyed by the persistency with which one of her scholars plays truant. She was on the point of reporting his case, when she spoke to one of the lady supervisors. This lady believes in kindness rather than harsher measures and told the teacher to send the offender to her house the next time he was troublesome.

So one afternoon there appeared at the lady's house a boy. The supervisor was all smiles and attention, and she treated him to a "spread" the like of which he probably had never enjoyed before. He was soon made to feel perfectly at home.

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Imagine her surprise when he said to her:

"I ain't the boy that runs away, ma'am. He gave me a penny to come here in his place."—Scottish Leader.

Lincoln's Inn Fields have been used as a place of execution. Here, Sept. 20 and 21, 1586, Babington and his accomplices were "hanged, disembowled and quartered." And in the middle of the square, July 21, 1683, was beheaded the patriotic Lord William Russell.

In Tierra del Fuego rain or snow falls almost constantly.

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